

## INDIANA AND MICHIGAN STATE HAPPENINGS

## GROCER PAYS FIVE DOLLARS FOR PAPER

Gives Newsboy Two Gold Pieces Thinking They Are Pennies.

ELKHART, Dec. 28.—A S. Main st. grocer paid \$5.00 for a Chicago evening paper. When the little Italian newsboy entered the store to sell papers, the grocer called the lad to him and bought a paper. He reached into his pocket and hastily counted out 19 pennies.

Some time later he dove into the same pocket to take out the two \$5.00 gold pieces he had intended to give to two of his employees—but they were gone. Then it dawned upon him that the coins had unwittingly been given to "the kid." The latter's identity was unknown.

Phlander Salmon Wheat of Union, Mich., 77 years old, died Monday. Death resulted from valvular heart trouble. He had lived in Porter township many years.

Funeral services, conducted by Rev. Albert Taylor of Goshen, will be held at the home at 1 o'clock Wednesday.

Mr. Wheat was born in New York on Dec. 2, 1838. He is survived by his wife, Myra Wheat, and by two sons, Edgar Wheat of Washington, D. C., and James F. Wheat of Henry, Illinois.

Elmer E. Bellows of Washington township, a well-known farmer, is dead of paralysis, of which he had suffered three strokes.

Funeral services, conducted by Rev. F. A. Dressel of Grace Lutheran church of this city, will be held at Zion church in Washington township at 1:30 o'clock. Friends are requested to meet at the house at 1 o'clock.

Surviving Mr. Bellows are his wife, Diana; three sons, Charles J. Bellows of Kalamazoo, Clarence A. Bellows of Union City, Mich., and Lloyd Bellows, who is at home; a daughter, Mrs. Lloyd Rentfrow of Cass county, Mich.; two brothers, Frank A. Bellows of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Carl Bellows of Cass county, and a sister, Mrs. Jennie Meade of Kimball, Mo.

Dick Ferris, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Ferris of 920 W. Lexington av., is revealing in the possession of what is a decided novelty in this vicinity—a sled whose motive power is an aero-motor.

The propeller, driven by a gasoline air-cooled motor, was originally bought for use on a canoe, which it hauled through the water at the rate of 10 miles an hour. It is said to be capable of driving the sled at least 40 miles an hour over smooth ice.

The \$20,000 damage suit of Kathleen Miller, administratrix of the estate of Leroy Miller, against the "old" L. S. & M. S. Railroad Co., which was pending in the Elkhart superior court, has been compromised for \$250, a judgment having been entered for that amount. It is reported that this sum was proffered by the company's claim department within a few weeks after the accident which cost Mr. Miller his life. The accident occurred at Pinola, Ind., on Aug. 15, 1915.

Christina Bussler, wife of Frank Bussler of Bangor township, died in the sanitarium at Logansport Sunday night. The body arrived here Monday night and was taken to the C. E. Walley undertaking rooms, where it will be held awaiting funeral arrangements. Mrs. Bussler, who was 57 years old, had lived in and near Elkhart for 16 years. She was a member of Trinity German Evangelical Lutheran church. Mr. Bussler is employed in the New York Central shops.

Other immediate relatives surviving are a daughter, Miss Irene Bussler, who is at home; three brothers, Stephen and Albert Gohn of Goshen and George Bohn of South Bend, and three sisters, Mrs. Charles Moss of Detroit, Mrs. Frank Powell of Goshen and Mrs. George Deardorf of New York.

Charging cruelty, non-support and abandonment, Bessie Kegerreis has filed suit in the superior court for divorce from Carlton Earl Kegerreis. The complaint avers they were married in Illinois on May 16, 1906, and that the plaintiff was abandoned on July 25, 1912. Her attorneys are Hamilton & Curtis of South Bend. The complaint alleges that Kegerreis gambles; that he got drunk and abused his wife and her daughter by a former marriage; that she took in washings to support herself and child and that her husband was also cruel to her child. Mrs. Kegerreis now lives in this city.

Mayor Frank E. Smith has filed an application in the superior court asking that a guardian be appointed for David G. Walter, averring that Mr. Walter is an habitual drunkard and incapable of managing his estate, which consists of a house and lot. Walter has been confined in the city jail following an arrest for intoxication and became very violent while there. The mayor is acting for the protection of Walter and the good of society.

DR. PAUL'S GLASSES relieve headaches and eye strain. "Shur-Ons" \$2.75. 209 J. M. S. bldg. —Adv.

Investigators in Sweden have found that feeding sugar beets to horses give excellent results.

## MAKING MONEY FROM MOTOR STOCK SHARES

Flint Men Speculate in Market and Are Cleaning Up Good Size Fortunes.

FLINT, Mich., Dec. 28.—It is estimated that approximately 60 Flint men have accumulated substantial fortunes in motor stocks in the last few months, and others have secured rather fat "pickings," thanks to the rise in General Motors.

Others bought General Motors within the last few days in expectation of the Chevrolet-General Motors consolidation, paying from \$480 to \$510 a share, and now they figure that the merger will net them substantial profits, in view of the fact that Chevrolet Motor, new stock, is underwritten by New York bankers at \$140 and that it is about to be exchanged on a basis of five for one with General Motors holdings.

A report from Chicago to the effect that a broker there is taking a trip to California at the expense of a Flint man, who, starting with \$7,000, cleaned up \$550,000 in war stocks in the last few weeks, is discredited here, but the fortunes some Flint men have made in motor stocks may run well into six figures, although the big winners did not start with \$7,000.

## FARMER LEARNS HOW TO START BUT NOT TO STOP

James Haucher Lets Auto Run Amuck But No One is in Its Way.

NASHVILLE, Ind., Dec. 28.—James Haucher, a farmer, living in Jackson township, bought an automobile and started to Nashville for a ride. He had not yet learned how to control the machine, and when he reached here it was running at high speed. The streets were cleared when the rumbling of his machine was heard. The town marshal finally ordered the driver of the car to stop or he would shoot. "I can't stop the darned thing," was the reply.

A garage owner, who heard his reply, stood on the corner and as Haucher passed him tried to tell him what to do to stop the car. Haucher did not hear the instructions for some time, but when he did "catch on" he brought the machine to a sudden stop. He was able to turn the machine as he stopped it.

## WOULD FIGHT POLLUTION

Cities Club Together to Get Damages From Indianapolis.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 28.—Several cities lying to the south of Indianapolis have organized and are preparing to fight to obtain damages from this city because of sewage dumped into White river. Among the towns objecting strenuously to the present system of disposing of Indianapolis sewage are Waverly, Mooresville, Martinsville and Brooklyn. Several others may join them. Some time before Joe Bell was made mayor of Indianapolis, there was talk of finding some way of disposing of the Indianapolis sewage so that it would not be objectionable to the towns down the river, but this was dropped under the present administration.

## WILL REMODEL SHIP

Expect Eastland to be Made Over at St. Joseph.

ST. JOSEPH, Mich., Dec. 28.—According to word received here, it is very likely the steamer Eastland, now the property of the Illinois naval reserve, as the result of a sale at public auction held at Chicago recently, will be brought here to be completely remodeled. It is known permanent ballast is to be installed in the vessel, the upper two decks will be removed and the boat made ready for a training ship for the naval reserve, not later than next June.

## NEARLY FROZEN; DIES

Mrs. Walter Laidlow Victim of Tremia and Spinal Meningitis.

MARION, Ind., Dec. 28.—Mrs. Walter Laidlow is dead at her home here of uremic poisoning, complicated with spinal meningitis. Neighbors forced entrance into her home some days ago to find her alone, almost frozen and starved.

Not realizing the seriousness of her illness she had turned off the gas fires and lain down in her bed.

## MAYOR MC CARTY IS SICK

Huntington Executive Grows Worse Following Nervous Breakdown.

HUNTINGTON, Ind., Dec. 28.—The condition of Mayor Patrick M. McCarty has grown so serious his friends today feared he would not recover. A nervous collapse suffered a few weeks ago is thought to have been caused by a stroke of paralysis during the days when he served as doorkeeper at the state legislature.

## GROCER RETIRES

SHELBY, Mich., Dec. 28.—W. H. Shirts, the pioneer grocer here, has sold out to Olin Wilson and Edgar Johnson. Shirts is retiring after 25 years in active business. The new firm will take possession this week. Wilson and Johnson have clerked for John Boughner for the past three years.

## ST. JOSEPH PLANNING TO LURE BACK CUPID

County Clerk Wants Couples to Come to Resort City For Marriage Papers.

ST. JOSEPH, Mich., Dec. 28.—For nearly 15 years the lovers' resort of the middle west, St. Joseph is again to get into the campaign to firmly establish her right to that title. Years not far back saw thousands of those enamored by Cupid's winsome wiles emigrate to this city by the lake to unite their hopes, their aims and lives through a St. Joe wedding. Then there came a change. Cupid deserted. He departed, no one knows where, until the year just past saw the license to wed list of the Berrien county clerk cut in half.

Now a new plan has been advanced to once more bring Cupid back to his old favored Gretna Green. Back of the plan is County Clerk George Larkworthy. In brief, the "plot" is as follows:

Beginning with the first of the new year and continuing throughout the calendar, one out of every 100 marriage licenses at old St. Joe will be free. This is the treat of the county clerk. For every 99 licenses issued, one party will be given a license certificate, even the justice to tie the knot, absolutely gratis. So it is that Cupid is expected again to flourish in the quiet of the old lake town. So it is that inducement is offered all who feel the promptings of the god of hearts. St. Joe is again to be the marrying town of the middle west.

## FOUR COASTERS NEAR DEATH; STRUCK BY CAR

Grand Rapids Boys Hit by Street Car and Are Shoved Along Many Feet.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Dec. 28.—Coasting along a moving street car being pushed along in front of the car for several feet, and escaping death by a narrow margin, was the experience of four young boys at Quinby st. and Taylor av., N. E. Motorman Chester Fellows of Wealthy-Taylor car No. 288, received thrills he will not soon forget, and, alas, a fatality that probably remained with him as long as he is in control of a street car.

## FILES ABATEMENT PLEA

Regularity of Action by Grand Jury is Attacked.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Dec. 28.—A plea in abatement in each of the nine indictments returned by the last grand jury against Thomas Ferguson, former trustee of Lost Creek township, and county auditor-elect, was filed in circuit court Monday by his attorney. The plea is purely technical and attacks the regularity of the action of the commissioners in emptying the jury box of the names drawn by the former commissioners and replacing them with those drawn by the new commissioners.

It is understood that some pleas will be filed by the school supply and township supply men indicted with Ferguson. The indictment of Ferguson was made last September following an investigation of his books, inaccuracies and irregularities amounting to \$4,000 being reported. Among those indicted are Jacob R. Finkelstein and George M. Ray.

## SEEKS TO GET PROPERTY

To Probate Will of Woman Declared of Unsound Mind.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 28.—The city park board is trying to unravel some strange circumstances to determine if a will made by Mrs. Eliza Stearns, declared of unsound mind, provides that 10 acres of land on Central av., valued at about \$75,000, shall become city park property upon her death. Mrs. Stearns, according to members of the board, told them of her intention to bequeath the property for park purposes. Now it is said she had made changes in her will. Later Judge Mahon Bash of the probate court authorized Charles Clark, guardian, to sell the property. After a conference with Clark, the board asked that the will be opened by Judge Bash. Judge Bash is said to be willing to do this.

## GOV. MUST ISSUE ORDERS

So Says Atty. Gen. Stotsenburg to Industrial Commission.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 28.—Atty. Gen. Stotsenburg has informed the state industrial commission that in event the commission desires to prosecute employers who fail to make monthly reports of injuries sustained by their employees in accordance with the workman's compensation law, the attorney general's office will make the prosecution in accordance with orders from the governor.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—"Stay out of the crowds," says Dr. Hurty in his advice to Hoosiers who would escape the grip. Fresh air, some exercise, and plenty of sleep were mentioned as other good preventatives.

## NEWS IN AND ABOUT TOWN

## READY FOR FIRST OPERA FESTIVAL

MacHenry and Ingersoll Expect Two Large Audiences Today.

"Ring up the curtain on South Bend's first grand opera festival," said MacHenry and Ingersoll in an interview concerning the chances of grand opera for South Bend.

"Everything is ready as far as we are concerned and the balance rests with the community," said South Bend alone—for the neighbors who look to South Bend to lead in things of a festival nature are, because of its central location, within easy touch of things theatrical of the better class. These same neighbors are welcome, and we've gone considerably out of our way to interest them and make it convenient for them to come to us on the San Carlo date by securing reduced return rates on the intrurban lines, which will be the same as were in force during the Schumann-Heink engagement.

"We are expecting two very large audiences, matinee and evening. Tuesday, in spite of the fact that grand opera is 'new' to South Bend and in spite of many who do not get the magnitude of the enterprise at all and are still wondering what it is all about anyway. That we are able to have the San Carlo here is an accident, and it was the only open date before next April, by which time they will be nearing the Pacific coast in their annual tour across the continent from east to west.

"We've done a good deal, and believe we are giving South Bend a holiday present in introducing the San Carlo Grand Opera company without circulating a subscription list, soliciting, etc., just leaving the matter to your own judgment, a plain compliment to South Bend's intelligence and taste; simply present a big event in a purely legitimate way and expecting the public to take advantage of a rare opportunity which may not come again very soon. With this goes our personal guarantee to the public that the San Carlo company is all that has been claimed for it—the greatest traveling opera company in the United States."

For additional and complete details of the engagement a thorough reading of the last Sunday edition of the South Bend News-Times is suggested, as it contains the complete stories of the three operas to be given.

## LODGE NOTES

Election of officers for the ensuing year was held at Budapest court, No. 852, Tribe Ben Hur, at Hoffer hall on W. Colfax av.

A business meeting on candidate was given first degree work and other business transacted.

The result of the election was as follows: Peter Bujtos, chief; Joseph Tekete, past chief; Michael Husvar, judge; Elizabeth Forak, teacher; Florian Husvar, scribe; Alex. Forak, keeper of tribute; Alex. Forak, captain; Joseph Sima, guide; Anna Bujtos, keeper of inner gate; and Rosa Amburz, keeper of the outer gate.

Installation of officers will be held at the next meeting Monday evening, when G. G. Grims, supreme chief, will act as the master of ceremonies.

The annual military ball of the Lightfoot company, No. 21, Knights of Pythias (colored), was held last night at the American hall on N. Main st. The drill team gave an exhibition drill and led in the grand march, with Henry N. Hill captain.

Memorial services and installation of officers for the St. Joseph lodge, No. 45, F. & A. M., and Portage lodge, No. 294, F. & A. M., were held last night at the Masonic temple.

The memorial address was given by Rev. James L. Gardiner, pastor of St. Paul's M. E. church. The program was in charge of the three worshipful masters-elect—R. H. Horst, South Bend lodge, chairman; Rev. C. A. Lippincott, Portage lodge, and E. O. Vinson, St. Joseph lodge. Following the installing of officers for the ensuing year for the three lodges, short talks were made by members of the lodges. The officers installed were: Dr. E. J. Lent, installing officer, and Edward J. Gingsrich, marshal. Past master's jewels were presented to Ira Tillery, E. E. Frickle and Donald MacGregor, who are the retiring masters. The address of presentation was delivered by A. B. Geyer.

Edward Curtis was elected council commander of the St. Joseph lodge, No. 51 (colored), Knights of Pythias, at the annual election of officers of the lodge held at the K. of P. hall on N. Main st. Monday.

Other officers who were elected to serve for the coming year were: Benjamin Compton, vice commander; H. N. Hill, K. of R. and S.; William Humble, M. of F.; C. H. Elliott, M. of E.; Charles Frazier, prelate; Otis James, M. at A.; Orva Marrs, M. of W.; Alonzo Stewart, outer guard; Fred Aker, inner guard; G. C. Clay, trustee for 15 months; Orva Marrs and Edward Curtis were chosen as representatives to the grand meeting to be held at Princeton, Ind., in July.

Installation of officers will be held at the next meeting of the lodge, Jan. 10.

Arrangements for an open intrurban meeting to be held at M. W.

A. hall on S. Michigan st. Jan. 8 were made last night at the regular meeting of the Colfax camp, No. 3306, M. W. A. Exhibition drills will be given by drill teams of Berrien Springs, Mich.; Niles, Mich.; Elkhart, Goshen, Mishawaka, New Carlisle and South Bend camps.

State Deputy John McGrath of Indianapolis will be present and give an address. During the meeting a number of applications were acted upon and three candidates were initiated. Lewis Kreps, council, and Gilbert Hoerth, worthy advisor, for the past year were presented with rings with emblems of the camp engraved on them. Installation of officers for the camp will be held Jan. 10.

Plans were made to attend the installation of officers of the Golden Rod camp, No. 1236, Royal Neighbors of America, Jan. 6.

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GIVES CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual Christmas party and dance held at the Chamber of Commerce club house Monday night was a very successful affair. There were 75 couples present, comprising members of the Chamber of Commerce and Commercial Athletic club and their friends. The guests included many out-of-town people the most of whom are spending the holidays at the various house parties being held in the city. These guests came from Chicago, Cincinnati, Goshen, Elkhart and other nearby cities.

The evening was spent in dancing with the exception of a brief intermission when ice cream, cake and coffee were served. The gymnasium, where the dance was held, was simply and tastefully decorated in green and red. Evergreen covered the railing of the balcony and festoons of evergreen were hung from the four corners to a large red bell and a Christmas tree which swung from the center ceiling light. The music, furnished by the Wheeler & Seymour orchestra of Michigan City, was of an exceptional order.

The committee in charge of the affair was comprised of Dr. C. J. Ash, Phillip K. Goetz, J. Fred Christman, W. L. Nies and Stuart Elbel.

## HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1913 IN REUNION

The repetition of part of the program of the graduating exercises of the high school class of 1913 was the feature of the reunion of the class held at the high school Monday night. The class prophesy was read by Miss Mary Eastman, now a student at the University of Wisconsin, and the class history was given by Miss Winifred Kryder. Miss Eleanor Mueller rendered a vocal solo.

Prof. F. L. Sims gave a short address in which he congratulated the members of the class for the success attained by them since they graduated from high school.

Dancing was enjoyed by the 60

members of the class who were in attendance, at the conclusion of the program. The Rag Pickers' orchestra furnished the music.

## POSTPONE ACTION ON SCHOOL BIBLE TEACHING

Action on the question of Bible teaching for the students in the South Bend and Mishawaka high schools has been postponed until after the convention of the Religious Education association in Chicago in February. Rev. John Alexander, pastor of the First Christian church, and Rev. C. A. Decker of the First Baptist church were elected Monday morning at the regular meeting of the Ministerial association to represent the local ministers and give a

report of the meeting. The postponement of action on the Bible study matter probably will mean that it will not be taught in the high school until next fall.

The ministers have been working on two systems for some time, but neither proved entirely satisfactory to all of the pastors. There was a discussion of the simultaneous evangelistic campaign which will start next Sunday with "Go to Church" Sunday. Following this there will be two weeks of cottage prayer meetings. The campaign proper will start on Jan. 23.

## CHILDREN GET GIFTS AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fifty children of the city were given an entertainment Monday af-

ternoon at the First Presbyterian church under the auspices of the Junior Endeavor society of the church. The affair was the eighth annual Christmas entertainment given the poor children of the city by the church. The children were taken to and from the church in automobiles furnished by members of the church and were given candy and nuts and entertained with stories and games. Miss Charlotte Parridge, chairman of the affair, told the story of the birth of Christ, and other stories were told by Miss Gertrude Brown and Miss Dorothy Eldridge, assistant to Miss Parridge.

The Sunday school rooms in which the entertainment was held were decorated with holly and mistletoe. A huge fire place was built which kept the children's eyes awaking for Kris Kringle and his pack.

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